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THE WEEK IN OTTAWA

of peace with Canada, it is understood here that no such stamp will be issued by Canada.

The news that ERP money is being used by Britain to buy Canadian wheat, flour and bacon has brought the reaction in the capital that this will not have any direct effect on Canadian shipments to the U.K. except that the latter will now have U.S. dollars to pay for the Canadian supplies as these move across the seas.

The divorce problems of Canadian veterans are going to be studied by a special subcommittee of the Commons, Veterans Affairs Committee. If Canada allows a free market for gold, it would not be in accordance with our obligations under the International Monetary Fund, said a top-ranking official here in testifying before a Senate Committee, the Canadian mining companies wish to see a free gold market.

Lethbridge Experimental Station
WEEKLY LETTER
SPRAY YOUR SHEEP WITH DDT THIS YEAR

Spraying your sheep with a mixture of wettable DDT and water is an easy and efficient method of ked (sheep tick) control. During the past three years your Experimental Station Lethbridge has been investigating this method of ked control and now recommends it in preference to dipping. At least three range flocks of sheep were sprayed last year on summer range with complete satisfaction. Among the advantages of this method over dipping it has been found that (1) it requires less rough handling of the sheep, (2) it requires fewer men and less labor, (3) it is adaptable to any size of flock, (4) it utilizes equipment that can be used for several other types of work.

DDT, the new chemical developed during the war, in a 0.5 per cent

solution in a spray that has given excellent results. This chemical maintains a residual killing power for several weeks after application and as a result it kills the live keds at spraying time and also the keds that hatch later from deposited eggs. Further study is being undertaken to determine the minimum effective strength of solution and the maximum length of time that the chemical will maintain its killing power. DDT preparations which contain oil are not suitable for treating live stock, only preparations of DDT and water should be used.

Commercial preparations normally used as dips also can be used as sprays but they are a little more difficult to get into, and keep in solution. Although these preparations maintain a certain amount of residual killing power their effectiveness is limited to a relatively short period immediately after spraying.

Power sprayers of the type used in warble fly control are suitable for spraying sheep. To date these sprayers have been operated at 350 to 400 pounds pressure for this purpose but it is possible that lower pressures could be used. The simple nozzle spray gun is satisfactory but a multiple nozzle spray boom speeds up the work considerably.

The procedure followed in spraying sheep is simple. The solution is mixed in the sprayer tank and kept agitated. The sheep are crowded into a long narrow pen and the spray is applied by holding the spray gun about one foot above the sheep and spraying the backs of the sheep until the fleeces are thoroughly saturated. Approximately 1/2 gallon of solution per mature animal and 1/3 gallon of solution per lamb is required if spraying is done within two weeks after shearing. It is recommended that spraying be done 10 to 14 days after shearing for the longer wool after that time prevents the penetration of the solution to the skin.

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My Week

by R. J. Deachman

Joseph E. Atkinson, Canada's most spectacular publisher, who exerted a wide influence in the city of Toronto and the province of Ontario, passed away few days ago. He was born poor, took to journalism at an early age and moved around among a number of different dailies. He was 34 when a group of liberals bought the Toronto Star. They paid \$32,000 for it. It must have seemed like a useless sacrifice of cold cash if they thought of converting Toronto. Mr. Atkinson had already made a name for himself. He was asked to direct the paper. He made his own conditions, he was to be allowed to buy back the stock if he was ever able to do so. He did it, with the exception of a few scattered shares, he owned it all when the end came.

He took charge in 1899. It was a period of expansion and development but it took genius and hard work to build, in so brief a time, so great an institution. When he took over it had a circulation of 7,000. The average for the month of April 1948 was 369,352. The Weekly Star began publication in 1910, its present circulation exceeds 900,000. The Toronto Star has its own building one of the finest newspaper edifices on the continent. Now the genius who built it is no more but of all his great accomplishments, and there were many, the most extraordinary is the provision he has made for the continuation of the publications to which he gave the efforts of a life time.

It would have been the pride of most men to have kept the business in the family. In a sense Mr. Atkinson has done this for the family is still associated with it but he has established an organization known as the Atkinson Charitable Foundation. Now the earnings of the Toronto Daily Star, the Star Weekly and the Star Realty Company "will be used for the promotion and maintenance of social, scientific and economic reforms," which are charitable in nature, for the benefit of the people of the Province of Ontario. Its direction will be in the hands of those who helped Mr. Atkinson to make the Star.

When I entered the House of Commons in 1935, I lived in the summer months in the town of Wingham in Western Ontario. In previous years I had written odd articles for the Toronto Star mostly on economic topics. I started again. My stories now dealt with life in the country, the simple things: Robins in the garden on a wet day; children playing marbles on the sidewalk when the heat of the cement sidewalk could cook an egg. They were tales of life in a country town and its lovely life. Mr. Atkinson liked these stories. At times I dropped in to see him. He was genial, kindly, easy to meet. Whenever attempted to tell one what to write but he always mentioned the stories he liked best. They had to be readable and easy to understand. The ideal was always ahead of him, not always did he get what he wanted.

Once I interviewed a number of children, all under ten years of age rather they interviewed me. They were city children fresh from a holiday in the country. "Had I ever jumped on a load of hay?" I certainly had. "Did I ever hold a little pig in my arms?" Sure'y. I had also watched a new born-colt struggle to its feet and seek the milk bar where it breakfasted. I knew all about these things but they were new to the children and their eyes shone as they told me of the wonders they had seen. I asked one little girl if she knew who Hitler was. He was just climbing the ladder of ill-fate in those days and she gave me this astounding answer: "He's in the coat of everything". Good Lord! How true that was. We are still paying for him. I took the story of this little adventurer to Mr. Atkinson, he was intensely interested.

Cynics sometimes suggested that he raised money for the benefit of the children but it was also to advertise the Toronto Daily Star. I doubt, if that aspect carried much weight. He accepted these things as a duty and a pleasure. There was a tremendous driving force behind him. He could be as hard as nails at times but he was equally hard on himself and through it all there were deep touches of tenderness and sympathy.

Will the Foundation be established help humanity? There was a time when I would have given a negative answer to that question, I am not so sure now. The great reforms which

promised much have changed in little. This institution will be all to extend a helping hand to those in need—the needy will be with us always—they will still need help.

FEED SALT TO HOGS

In a test made at Purdue University in Indiana, two lots of hogs cooing supplementary portion of weighing 90 pounds each were fed

the same rations for 85 days with the exception that one lot had the free use of salt and the other had no salt available. The lot which had the free choice of salt averaged 255 pounds in weight at the end of the feeding period, while those not getting salt averaged only 174 pounds. The salt is said to be vital to hogs rearing supplementary portion of vegetable origin.

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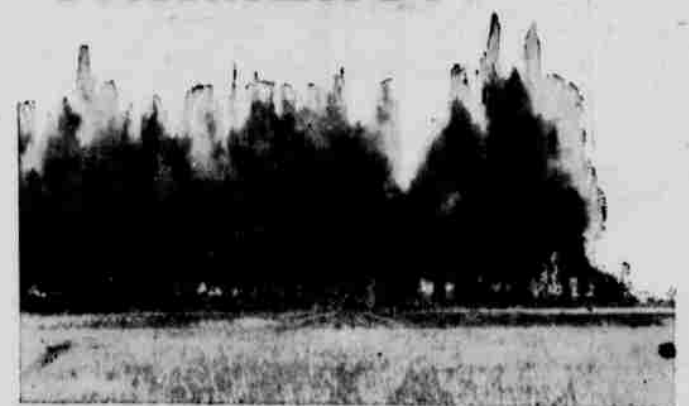
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